

EXHIBIT A

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November 16, 2016
Invoice: 5426073

TERMS: DUE ON RECEIPT

REMITTANCE COPY
(PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT)

Our Matter: 151857.00001
Advice re: '40 Act compliance and structuring of potential acquisitions

FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: \$ 7,930.00

TOTAL DUE THIS INVOICE: (US Dollars) \$ 7,930.00

WIRE TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Domestic and International Wires

Please indicate our Invoice Number as reference in your wire transfer

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420 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104-1207
ABA # 121000248
Account # 2090002390441

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For professional services rendered through October 31, 2016 in connection with the following:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Professional</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/7/16	Paul W. Smith	Work with A. Finerman and J. Tait regarding '40 Act issues.	0.40	750.00	No Charge
10/10/16	Paul W. Smith	Work with A. Finerman and J. Tait; review of [REDACTED] work with B. Smith regarding existing orders and billing process.	1.80	750.00	1,350.00
10/10/16	Justin D. Tait	Confer with Adam Finerman re: Novation 1940 Act issues; [REDACTED] research [REDACTED]	1.80	370.00	666.00
10/11/16	Justin D. Tait	Research 1940 Act issues re: [REDACTED]	1.60	370.00	592.00
10/12/16	Justin D. Tait	Research SEC guidance re: [REDACTED]	1.30	370.00	481.00
10/14/16	Justin D. Tait	Research SEC no-action letters re: [REDACTED]	1.20	370.00	444.00
10/19/16	Paul W. Smith	Work with B. Smith regarding application for employment and billing process.	0.20	750.00	150.00
10/20/16	Justin D. Tait	Confer re: 1940 Act status with Novation; [REDACTED]	1.20	370.00	444.00
10/25/16	Paul W. Smith	Work with B. Smith regarding preparation of statement for payment; review of same and	1.50	750.00	1,125.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Professional</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		generation of bill for September time; work with J. Tait regarding [REDACTED]			
10/27/16	Paul W. Smith	Review of Fee Statement and redacted invoices; work with B. Smith regarding filing of same.	0.50	750.00	375.00
10/27/16	Brian J. Smith	Prepared September fee statement.	1.10	600.00	660.00
10/28/16	Paul W. Smith	Work with J. Tait regarding questions from A. Finerman.	0.20	750.00	150.00
10/28/16	Justin D. Tait	Respond to queries from Adam Finerman re: Novation 1940 Act status.	0.20	370.00	74.00
10/31/16	Paul W. Smith	Work with A. Finerman and J. Tait.	1.30	750.00	975.00
10/31/16	Justin D. Tait	Confer with Novation re: 1940 Act status; confer with Paul Smith re: Novation.	1.20	370.00	444.00
TOTAL FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:				\$	7,930.00

Professional Summary through October 31, 2016:

<u>Professional</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Paul W. Smith	Partner	0.40	750.00	No Charge
Paul W. Smith	Partner	5.50	750.00	4,125.00
Brian J. Smith	Associate	1.10	600.00	660.00
Justin D. Tait	Associate	8.50	370.00	3,145.00
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